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SUBJECT: NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS CONCLUDE TWO- DAY MEETING
WITH MODERATE COMMUNIQUE

BEGIN SUMMARY. IN ONE OF THEIR PERIODIC GET- TOGETHERS,
THE FIVE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MET IN OSLO ON MARCH 29
AND 30 FOR A WIDE- RANGING BUT WELL- PREPARED DISCUSSION OF THE
INTERNATIONAL SCENE. AS USUAL, DIFFERENCES AMONG THEM WERE
PLAYED DOWN IN THE INTERESTS OF THE APPEARANCE OF NORDIC
SOLIDARITY, AND THEY CAME UP WITH A COMUNIQUE SUGGESTING A
BASIC IDENTIFY OF VIEW ON SOME 18 TOPICS. END SUMMARY.

1. BY SEPARATE TELEGRAM, WE HAVE REPORTED THE REFERENCES
THE NORDIC FOREIGN MINISTERS MADE IN THEIR COMMUNIQUE AND
IN THEIR MARCH 30 PRESS CONFERENCE TO THE QUESTION OF
DIPLOMATIC RECOGNITION OF THE KOREAS. ON THE REMAINING
TOPICS DISCUSSED, THE MINISTERS:

A. EXPRESSED " SATISFACTION" WITH THE PROGRESS TOWARD
DETENTE IN EUROPE AND EXPRESSED THE " HOPE" THAT A CONFERENCE
ON SECURITY AND COOPERATION IN EUROPE (CSCE) CAN BEGIN IN
JUNE;

B. EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR A COMPREHENSIVE TEST BAN AND
FOR A BAN ON CHEMICAL WEAPONS;

C. " WELCOMED" THE RESUMPTION OF SALT;

D. PRONOUNCED THEMSELVES SATISFIED WITH THE CEASE-
FIRE ARRANGEMENTS IN VIETNAM AND LAOS AND HOPEFUL THAT A
CEASEFIRE CAN BE ARRANGED IN CAMBODIA;

E. URGED STRICT COMPLIANCE WITH THE INDOCHINA
CEASEFIRE ACCORDS;

F. PROMISED " AN EFFECTIVE ASSISTANCE PROGRAM" TO
INDO- CHINA;

G. EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE INTER- KOREAN TALKS AND FOR
UNIVERSALIFY IN RECOGNITION OF THE TWO KOREAS (SEPTTEL);

H. WELCOMED THE FORTHCOMING VISIT TO THE NORDIC AREA
OF THE UN SECRETARY- GENERAL (MAY 6-12) AND PROMISED CONTINUED
EFFORTS TO STRENGTHEN THE UN;

I. " DEPLORED" THE DEAKLOCK IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HOPED
THAT CURRENT CONTACTS MIGHT CONTRIBUTE TO A SOLUTION;

J. EXPRESSED SYMPATHY WITH THE PLEDGED ASSISTANCE TO
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ZAMBIA;

K. WISHED THE PARTICIPANTS OF THE APRIL UN/ OAU CONFERENCE IN OSLO SUCCESS IN THEIR EFFORTS " TO FIND A SOLUTION, THROUGH PEACEFUL MEANS, TO THE SERIOUS SITUATION IN SOUTHERN AFRICA;"

1. " STRESSED THE IMPORTANCE OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION... TO INTENSIFY UN EFFORTS REGARDING THE QUESTION OF INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM," AND URGED THAT EFFORTS TO DEFINE THE UNDERLYING CAUSES OF TERRORISM NOT BE PERMITTED TO DELAY THE UN IN ITS TASK OF EVOLVING " EFFECTIVE MEASURES TO COMBAT INTERNATIONAL TERRORISM;"

M. URGED SUPPORT FOR THE NORDIC PROPOSAL IN THE ICAO TO EXERT INFLUENCE ON STATES WHICH DO NOT COMPLY WITH AIR SAFETY CONVENTIONS AND AFFIRMED THE NORDIC COUNTRIES WILL RATIFY THE TOKYO, HAUGE, AND MONTREAL CONVENTIONS BY THE END OF 1973;

N. " WELCOMED" THE CONVENING OF A LAW OF THE SEA CONFERENCE THIS FALL, NOTING ALSO THEIR " UNDERSTANDING OF THE REASONS FOR ICELAND' S DECISION TO EXTEND ITS FISHERY LIMITS AND THEIR HOPE THAT THE CONFERENCE ON THE LAW OF THE SEA WILL REACH A SOLUTION WHICH WILL BE IN THE INTEREST OF BOTH ICELAND AND THE OTHER COASTAL STATES;"

O. PROMISED NORDIC SUPPORT FOR TRANSLATING THE GOALS OF THE STOCKHOLM CONFERENCE " INTO CONCRETE INTERNATIONAL ENVIRONMENT POLICIES;"

P. EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR THE FINNISH PROPOSAL TO CONVENE A CONFERENCE ON THE ENVIRONMENT OF THE BALTIC;

Q. HEARD WITH SYMPATHY THE ACCOUNT OF THE WESTMAN ISLAND DISASTER IN ICELAND; AND,

R. AGREED TO MEET AGAIN IN STOCKHOLM ON AUGUST 29-30, 1973.

2. COMMENT. THE COMMUNIQUE IS A BLAND RECITATION OF MANY OF THE INGREDIENTS OF THE SEMI- ANNUAL NORDIC COMPACT, AND THE POINTS REGISTERED APPEAR IN SOME INSTANCES TO REPRESENT THE MINIMUM COMMON DENOMINATOR, NOWHERE, PERHAPS, IS THIS MORE EVIDENT THAN IN SUB- PARAGRAPH ' N' WHERE ICELAND GOT NORDIC " UNDERSTANDING" BUT NOT NORDIC SUPPORT FOR ITS CONTROVERSIAL FISHING LIMITS POLICIES. IN THE FOLLOWING PRESS CONFERENCE, THE ICELANDIC FOREIGN MINISTER BARELY CONCEALED HIS UNHAPPINESS OVER THIS FORMULATION, CHOOSING TO " INTERPRET" THE COMMUNIQUE AS SUPPORT FOR ICELAND AND EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH THAT BUT ADDING HIS DISSATISFACTION LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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WITH THE FAILURE OF THE OTHER NORDICS TO RECOGNIZE ICELAND' S FISHING BOUNDARIES.

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